

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.426**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Common-Law Marriage		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

This Bill amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to provide that common-law marriage in the state may not be recognized on and after January 1, 2010. The Bill also provides for an exception for a common-law marriage existing as of December 31, 2009.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Judicial Department indicates this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

The FIST network of local governments was surveyed to determine the fiscal impact on this Bill. Respondents indicated there is little or no fiscal impact with the adoption of this Bill.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this or any other Bill.

Approved by:



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